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Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents.

English Abstracts of the non-English Japanese Patent Publication documents are enclosed. Further each of the Japanese Patent Publication documents are discussed beginning on page 1 of the specification.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English German Patent Publication No. EP 1 225 076 and non-English German Patent Publication No. DE 43 02 546, an English language version of an International search report in a corresponding application citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof is enclosed.

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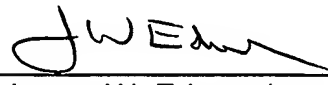
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		Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
		EP 1 225 076				No
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		JP 2003-63457	03/05/03	Kawazu		Abstract
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		JP 2002-370550	12/24/02	Yoshizumi		Abstract
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NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

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